

What is claimed is:

1. An oral dosage form comprising
  - (a) a soft core comprising an active agent particles having an average size of greater than about 50  $\mu\text{m}$  and
  - (b) a brittle shell encasing the soft core, wherein the weight ratio of drug particles to shell being from about 1.0:0.5 to about 1.0:15.
2. An oral dosage form of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of drug particles to shell being from about 1.0:2 to about 1.0:12.
3. An oral dosage form of claim 2, wherein the weight ratio of drug particles to shell being from about 1.0:4 to about 1.0:9.
4. An oral dosage form of claim 1, wherein the soft core is pectin based.
5. An oral dosage form of claim 1, wherein the soft core is geleitin based.
6. An oral dosage form of claim 1, wherein the dosage form has a brittleness of about 1 to about 8  $\text{kp/cm}^2$ .
7. An oral dosage form of claim 1, wherein the an active agent is selected from the group consisting of acetaminophen, ibuprofen, pseudoephedrine, dextromethorphan, diphenhydramine, chlorpheniramine, calcium carbonate, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium carbonate, magnesium oxide, aluminum hydroxide, mixtures thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
8. An oral dosage form of claim 7, wherein the active agent is acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
9. An oral dosage form of claim 8, wherein the active agent is acetaminophen.
10. An oral dosage form of claim 8, wherein the active agent is ibuprofen
11. An oral dosage form of claim 3, wherein the an active agent is selected from the group consisting of acetaminophen, ibuprofen, pseudoephedrine, dextromethorphan, diphenhydramine, chlorpheniramine, calcium carbonate, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium carbonate, magnesium oxide, aluminum hydroxide, mixtures thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
12. An oral dosage form of claim 11, wherein the active agent is acetaminophen or ibuprofen.

13. An oral dosage form of claim 12, wherein the active agent is acetaminophen.
14. An oral dosage form of claim 12, wherein the active agent is ibuprofen.
15. An oral dosage form comprising
- (a) a soft core comprising acetaminophen having an average size of greater than about 50  $\mu\text{m}$  and
- (b) a brittle shell enveloping the soft core, wherein the weight ratio of drug particles to shell being from about 1.0:4 to about 1.0:9.
16. An oral dosage form comprising
- (a) a soft core comprising ibuprofen having an average size of greater than about 50  $\mu\text{m}$  and
- (b) a brittle shell enveloping the soft core, wherein the weight ratio of drug particles to shell being from about 1.0:4 to about 1.0:9.